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SUBJSVTQKK NSFOBNCST PROGRAM: PROPOSED VISIT OF ROMANIAN BIOLOGY  
DELEGATION (FRVF6/373)

REF: STATE 10576, STATE 022586

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. OUR BEST GUESS AT THIS POINT IS  
THAT BIOLOGY DELEGATION WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE SCHEDULED  
DEPARTURE FEBRUARY 3. NCST HAS INFORMED US DELEGATION'S  
THREE BIOMEDICAL SPECIALISTS, ZAMFIRESCU, POPA, GHETIE,  
WHO COME UNDER JURISDICTION OF MINHLTH AND MIN ED, HAVE  
JUST BEEN ASSIGNED TO GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION REVIEWING GOR  
HEALTH CARE AND RESEARCH PRIORITIES AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO  
LEAVE THEIR WORK FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. WE BELIEVE THIS IS SO,  
AND THAT NO OTHER OBSTACLES PREVENT THEIR DEPARTURE. BELEDESCU  
AND SORAN ARE RESPONSIBLE TO NCST AND COULD DEPART FEB 3.

2. IN VIEW OF HEAVY BIOMEDICAL ORIENTATION OF DELEGATION'S  
US PROGRAM, SCIATT HAS ADVISED NCST THAT US VISIT WOULD BE  
POINTLESS WITHOUT THE THREE SPECIALISTS, AND SHOULD BE  
CANCELLED. END UNCLASSIFIED. BEGIN LOU. WE URGE NSF/NIH  
CONCURRENCE IN PRINCIPLE. END LOU.

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3. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FYI: SCIATT AND AMBASSADOR IN PLAINEST TERMS HAVE DISCUSSED IMPLICATIONS OF THIS CASE SUCCESSIVELY WITH TOP OFFICIALS OF NCST, MIN HLTH, MINED, AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE ESPECIALLY STRESSED OBVIOUS IMPOSSIBILITY OF PLANNING ANY SENSIBLE EXCHANGE ACTIVITY SO LONG AS ROMANIAN SPECIALISTS WERE CAPRICIOUSLY SUBJECT TO CONFLICTING COMMITMENTS AT THE EXPENSE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS. WE EXPLAINED THAT ONE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE ALREADY HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED ENTHUSIASM FOR COOPERATION WITH ROMANIA AMONG PRIVATE US INSTITUTIONS, AND THAT BUDGETARY PRESSURES IN US EASILY COULD FURTHER UNDERCUT SENTIMENT FOR COOPERATION IN US AGENCIES. TO MFA OFFICIAL MITRAN AND NCST PRESIDENT URSU WE EXPRESSED OUR GREATEST CONCERN FOR DOMINO EFFECT THIS PARTICULAR CASE MIGHT HAVE DURING MID-TERM REVIEW TALKS.

4. THERE IS REMOTE POSSIBILITY GOR WILL REVERSE ITS DECISION, HOWEVER, SO WE DO REQUEST NIH STAY PREPARED TO RECEIVE FULL DELEGATION FEBRUARY 3. WE WILL SEND NOTIFICATION EITHER WAY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE FEB 2.  
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